three years. The royalty rates on coal were last revised on 16.8.2002. Therefore, the next upward revision of royalty rates on coal can be effected only after 15.8.2005.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the answer given to part(a) of the question.

Diesel consumed in Northern Coalfields Limited

2224. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and cost of diesel consumed monthly for running the heavy machines in Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL) Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware that diesel worth lakhs of rupees is being pilfered every month;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to conduct an enquiry in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) The quantity and cost of diesel consumed monthly for running the heavy machines in Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL) Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh during the last three years are given below:

Month	2001-02 Qty. in Kilo Litres	2001-02 Amount in Rs. Lakhs	2002-03 Qty in Kilo Litres	2002-03 Amount in Rs. Lakhs
April	6694.725	1042.038	7174.538	1141.734
May	7113.879	1107.675	7031.474	1132.311
June	7332.265	1141.430	7746.392	1277.048
July	6600.669	1071.159	7937.287	1343.634

Month	2001-02 Qty. in Kilo Litres	2001-02 Amount in Rs. Lakhs	2002-03 Qty in Kilo Litres	2002-03 Amount in Rs. Lakhs
August	7688.119	1200.242	7659.441	1299.032
September	7565.632	1196.885	7114.794	1208.055
October	8113.207	1266.485	8176.858	1434.790
November	8060.465	1259.447	8120.513	1428.139
December	8481.438	1325.468	8912.896	1512.830
January	9105.635	1421.633	9070.506	1582.619
February	8774.990	1368.102	8714.274	1556.920
March	9505.921	1429.714	9865.842	1871.405
TOTAL:	95036.945	14830.278	97524.815	16788.517

Month	2003-04 Qty. in Kilo Litres	2003-04 Amount in Rs. Lakhs
April	8190.599	1618.310
May	8143.447	1521.863
June	7643.435	1389.862
July	8276.077	1503.185
August	7928.602	1437.327
September	6946.463	1304.720
October	8414.953	1584.400
November	8814.304	1640.515
December	9353.157	1761.137
January	9621.030	1896.345
February	9297.895	1839.866
March	9661.815	1921.036
TOTAL:	102291.777	19418.566

(b) to (f) As reported by Coal India Ltd. no such incident of pilferage of diesel worth lakhs of Rupees has come to the notice of the management of Northern Coalfields Limited. However there have been some stray cases of diesel theft. Since January, 2004 four cases of diesel pilferage involving a total quantity of 285 litres were detected and FIRs lodged. In another two cases involving a total quantity of 215 litres, departmental action has been initiated.

Road map for coal sector

2225. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have constituted an Expert Committee to carry out a comprehensive review and draw up a road map for the coal sector;